

## 9 High Impact Strategies

## Active Student Engagement/ Collaborative Pairs

### The Lazy Song

Today I don't feel like doing anything  
I just wanna lay in my bed  
Don't feel like picking up my phone  
So leave a message at the tone  
'Cause today I swear I'm not doing  
anything

Keep your head in my class  
And listen to the man  
Turn the iPod off  
Keep your head in the game  
Gonna need to participate

You'll be working in some pairs  
Learning from each other  
Click to my Wiki  
We use tech for learnin'  
In the classroom  
We are engaged

Oh oh  
Yes I did it  
I did it  
I did it 'cause I can

Today I'm going to actively participate  
I just wanna be in the game  
Don't feel like falling fast asleep  
So I will listen and participate  
'Cause today I swear I AM doing everything  
- Fully engaged.....Fully engaged

## Essential Questions/ Questioning

### Soul Man

Comin' at us in an English class  
Good learnin'; we gotta learn fast  
And when you get it, you got  
something  
So don't worry 'cause I'm coming

I'm an E Q  
I'm an E Q  
I'm an E Q  
I'm an E Q

Know what to learn  
The easy way  
I'll make it better  
Each and every day  
So honey  
Don't you fret  
'Cause with an EQ  
Ain't seen nothing yet

I'm an E Q  
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## Summarizing

**Poker Face**  
Sum Sum ar ize (6x)  
I wanna summarize and have them learn each day  
Students give the info in a synthesized way  
Gives the teacher proof what learning guides instruction now  
And after they've been hooked, I'll have them summarize right now

Oh oh oh oh ahm  
Ohh-ohe ohh-oh-ohh  
I'll get them hooked  
to always summarize

Oh oh oh oh ahm  
Ohh-ohe ohh-oh-ohh  
They'll really learn  
To get to the point

Sum mar ize  
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Now he can read  
And summarize  
  
(They're gonna summarize it)

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## Differentiated Instruction

### **Before He Cheats**

Right now he's probably teaching  
whole group, mixed ability,  
and you can see they're getting frisky

Right now they're probably reading a  
book that half of them can't read  
even if they're lucky

Right now, the students are  
behind, 'cause they're treated  
all alike even though they are  
different

And he don't know...

We should group our students  
by their need  
Giving them a chance to learn  
and succeed  
Knowing they all have different  
abilities

Using differentiation to help  
them learn  
Collaboration in every turn

Maybe next time, we'll think  
before we teach

## Previewing/Advance Organizers

### **Sweet Home Alabama**

Hey kids keep on learnin'  
Where has our previewing been  
Reading books from different  
genre  
Organizers used again.....  
And again

Well you know old Max talked  
about it  
Well you know these theories been  
around  
Well I hope you all will remember  
That's what teaching's all about ,  
and how....

Sweet home of the cougars  
Where the skies are so blue  
Sweet home of the cougars  
Previewing strategies all around  
And around.....

## Extending Thinking Skills

**Man in the Mirror**  
I'm looking at my kids in the mirror  
I'm asking them to make a change  
Extending thinking skills can't be any  
clearer  
If you want to make your classroom a  
better place, take a look at their  
thinking, and make them change (3x)

## Non-Verbal Representations

**YMCA**  
Young man  
There's no need to feel down  
I said young man  
Pick your self off the ground  
I said young man  
You can learn some new things

Young man  
There's a place you can go  
I said young man  
When you're not in the know  
If you have cues  
I am sure you will find  
Many ways to learn the info

Yes we are talking about  
Non-Verbal Cues  
Yes we are talking about  
Non-Verbal Cues  
Posters round the room  
Movements are the clues  
You can learn however you choose (2x)

## Student Writing

**Jailhouse Rock**  
Teacher threw a writin'  
In the class today  
They put on the paper  
what they wanted to say

The pencils were sharpened  
and the class began to write  
You should've heard those  
Stories that were really bright

Let's write, everybody, let's  
write  
Everybody in the whole class  
room  
Was writing to a different tune

Information, per-suasive, narrative  
Getting kids to write will help them  
live  
To get the kids to read and write  
will help them grow  
To get students writing is the way  
to go

Let's write, everybody, let's write  
Everybody in the whole class room  
Was writing to a different tune

## Vocabulary in Context

**We are the World**  
There comes a time when we heed  
a certain call  
When the district must come  
together as one  
There are students in need, and it's  
time to lend a hand to them the  
greatest gift of all

We can't go on pretending day by  
day  
That someone somewhere will soon  
make a change  
We are all a part of this great big  
district  
And the truth, you know words are  
all we need

They need the words  
They need the vocab  
They need to learn the words using  
context and with meaning  
If they learn those words, we will  
improve our children's minds  
And the world will be a better place if  
they know the words

Send them your heart so they'll know  
that someone cares  
And their lives will be stronger and  
free  
As Max has shown us by improving  
student learning  
So we all must lend a helping hand

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## Finale

### Celebration

Yeah Hoo...It's a celebration  
 Yeah Hoo...High impact strategies  
 Celebrate EQs...come on  
 Let's celebrate  
 Celebrate summarization...come on  
 Let's celebrate

There's some learnin' going on right  
 here  
 Differentiation happens throughout  
 the year  
 So bring your organizers, and your  
 previewing too  
 We're gonna celebrate your learning  
 with you  
 Come on now

Celebration  
 Let's all extend thinking and have a  
 good time  
 Celebration  
 Using nonverbals and learn it every  
 time

It's time to come together  
 It's up to you, learnin's a pleasure  
 Everyone around the school come  
 on

Yeah hoo...It's a celebration  
 Yeah hoo  
 Celebrate good teaching...come on  
 It's a celebration  
 Celebrate good teaching...come on  
 Let's celebrate

We're gonna have a year of success  
 Let's celebrate...It's alright! (4x)  
 Yeah hoo, Yeah hoo  
 Celebrate good teaching...come on  
 Celebrate - yeah hoo